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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 11 September 1969

DD/I noted receipt of a call from Hal Saunders of the NSC staff relating that the Director may be required to brief on the Soviet attitude toward the Middle East crisis at today's NSC meeting. DD/I provided the Director with the related briefing material.

Godfrey briefed on two heavy dogfights over the Sinai and the resulting shootdown of four and perhaps as many as seven Egyptian aircraft.

Godfrey noted completion of an OCI memorandum, "Soviet Intelligence Effort Against China." The Director asked what distribution is being given to this piece, and Godfrey noted that it is being limited ☐

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Godfrey related that we have no information to confirm this morning's CBS news item on the detention of the Mayor of West Berlin by East German authorities at a railroad crossing.

D/ONE reported that the USIB representatives will meet today for the first time on the ABM section of NIE 11-3, Soviet Strategic Defense.

ADD/S reported a small fire in the kitchen at the Ames Building this morning and attributed it to a cigarette in trash.

Carver reported on the anticipated sharp increase of enemy activity in Vietnam. He added that replies are in from the field in response to brief items for the Director's use in discussing the Vietnam situation at a meeting with the President and others tomorrow.

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Maury reported that Bruce Clarke's briefing of Senator Cooper yesterday went well.

Maury noted that according to NSA's General Counsel, [REDACTED] Senator Symington is seeking to obtain copies of DOD contingency plans.

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Maury recalled that on 13 August Congressman Richard McCarthy wrote to the Director requesting information on Soviet BW/CW matters. Maury added that the Congressman also requested the same information from DOD and received a Top Secret, written response over Y. L. Wu's signature containing material extracted from NIE 11-11-69. The Director noted his concern and asked D/ONE to draft a letter conveying to DOD instructions on how to handle such sensitive materials.

Warner reported on his meeting yesterday with Robert Jordan, General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and noted that those charged in the Chuyen case may be tried separately depending upon their rank. He mentioned that 10 October is still considered to be the earliest date they could come to trial and that a cable conveying related guidance to Saigon is in the coordination process.

Bross reported that State has asked us to brief Under Secretary Elliot Richardson [REDACTED] The Director concurred.

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DD/S&T cited some evidence that the Soviets may be preparing for MRV tests. [REDACTED]

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DD/P noted his concern that Embassy Tripoli is under instructions to avoid all contacts with the new Libyan government [REDACTED]

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DDCI expressed his surprise at the success of friendly forces in Laos. Carver and the DD/I responded that the situation there is unprecedented and that the enemy may be suffering only temporary reverses.

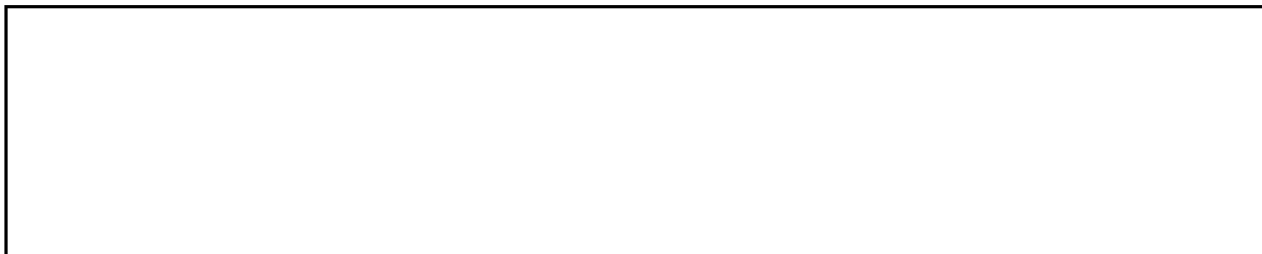
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The Director reported that according to Colonel Haig the White House is receiving a number of calls from civilian lawyers expressing their concern over the Green Beret matter.

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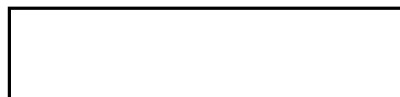


*The Director mentioned that the President would like a report on the Soviet defense budget in terms of its relationship with the Soviet GNP. He asked the DD/I to have Bruce Clarke get this work under way.

The Director reported that the Vice President will not be here on the 18th to attend our Annual Awards Ceremony.



The Director briefed on yesterday's NSC meeting and related the President's view that in the past NIEs have been low in terms of their assessment of the threat. He also noted the President's view that it is in the projection and intentions area where there is some weakness.



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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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